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SUBJECT: TRIAL OF "CARABANCHEL TEN"

ATTENTION LABOR ATTACHE

1. ONE OF AFL- CIO AFFILIATES HAS ASKED DEPARTMENT FOR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE RE CIRCULAR IT HAS RECEIVED THROUGH " INTERNATIONAL " CHANNELS CALLING FOR LABOR SUPPORT IN CAMPAIGN AGAINST SPANISH GOVERNMENT' S ARREST AND TRIAL OF " CARABANCHEL TEN."

2. BASED ON PREVIOUS EMBASSY REPORTING, EUR LABOR ADVISOR HAS RESPONDED PRELIMINARILY THAT GROUP THUS IDENTIFIED WOULD APPEAR TO BE ONE CONSISTING OF LEADERS OF WORKERS COMMISSIONS ARRESTED LAST YEAR; THAT CAMACHO, WHOSE NAME IS MENTIONED IN THE CIRCULAR, IS IDENTIFIABLE AS PROMINENT OLD LINE SPANISH COMMUNIST LABOR LEADER AND THAT OTHER LEADERS ARRESTED COULD ALSO VERY WELL BE DISCIPLINED PARTY ACTIVISTS. HE THEREFORE ADVISED THAT UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THE U. S. UNION CONCERNED EXERCISE CAUTION AND NOT JUMP TO THE PUBLIC SUPPORT OF THIS GROUP WITHOUT FIRST SATISFYING ITSELF THAT CIRCULAR IT HAS RECEIVED REPRESENTS BONA FIDE TRADE UNION REQUEST AND IS NOT PART
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OF AN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST POLITICAL CAMPAIGN.

3. IN LIGHT OF THIS INQUIRY AND OF POSSIBILITY THERE MAY BE OTHERS, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST CONFIRMATION OR OTHERWISE THAT "CARABANCHEL TEN" IS IN FACT GROUP OF WORKERS' COMMISSIONS "SUMMIT" LEADERS ARRESTED JUNE 19, 1972 AND NOT ONE OF OTHER GROUPS ALSO REPORTEDLY AWAITING TRIAL SUCH AS USO, EL FERROL STRIKERS OR PSOE/ UGT SOCIALISTS. ALSO REQUEST CURRENT STATUS THESE TRIALS. ROGERS

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